

Art Unit: 3724


1. Since an allowable linking claim has been agreed to, the restriction is hereby withdrawn, as per the paper mailed 26 September 03. Claims 5,6,24 and 25 are hereby rejoined.

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David Fanning on 09 May 06.

The application has been amended as follows:

On line 3 of claim 1, "cutting tool" has been changed to ~~rotatable~~ cutting blade--.

 On line ⁴~~3~~ of claim 1, "move" has been changed to ~~be~~ manually advanced by an operator--.

On line 5 of claim 1, "drive the cutting tool" has been changed to ~~rotate~~ the cutting blade--.

On line 7 of claim 1, "tool" has been changed to ~~blade~~--.

On line 8 of claim 1, "tool" has been changed to ~~blade~~--.

On line 9 of claim 1, after "contact", ~~--but not proximity~~ has been inserted.

 On line ¹⁰~~8~~ of claim 1, "tool" has been changed to ~~blade~~--.

On line 1 of claim 2, "tool" has been changed to ~~blade~~--.

On line 2 of claim 2, "tool" has been changed to ~~blade~~--.

On line 3 of claim 2, "tool" has been changed to ~~blade~~--.

On line 2 of claim 3, "tool" has been changed to ~~blade~~--.

On line ⁴~~3~~ of claim 3, "tool" has been changed to ~~blade~~--.

On line 2 of claim 4, "tool" has been changed to ~~blade~~--.

On line ⁴~~3~~ of claim 4, "tool" has been changed to ~~blade~~--.

On line ¹~~6~~ of claim 4, "tool" has been changed to ~~blade~~--.

• Claims 7-9 have been cancelled.

On line 7 of claim 17, "blade adapted to move" has been changed to ~~rotatable~~
blade adapted to be manually advanced by an operator--.

On line 8 of claim 17, "drive" has been changed to ~~rotate~~--.

On line 11 of claim 17, "limit" has been changed to ~~stop~~--.

On line 12 of claim 17, after "contact", --but not proximity-- has been inserted.

On lines ⁵~~4~~ and ¹⁰~~9~~ of claim 18, "to limit the movement of the blade into the work
zone when the pawl engages the blade" has been deleted.

On line 2 of claim 20, "tool" has been changed to ~~blade~~--.

On line 2 of claim 23, "tool" has been changed to ~~blade~~--.

3. Made of record but not making Applicant's invention obvious are patents to Haeger and Schmall showing pertinent safety devices and a patent to Luber showing a robot with a saw.